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Man Sentenced For Carjacking in Televised Chase

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years and four months in state prison for a carjacking and leading police on a wild, high-speed pursuit last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Aaron Lorta of Long Beach pleaded no contest in December to one count each of carjacking and fleeing a pursuing police officer's vehicle.

Lorta was spotted in Boyle Heights on Feb. 9, 2015, by police in a car that they suspected may have been stolen. When the officers tried to talk to him, Lorta drove away and led police on a high-speed chase that was televised live.

Prosecutors said Lorta struck several vehicles before approaching a female motorist and pointing a gun at her. He stole her car and then drove erratically before getting out of the car that was trapped in heavy traffic. Officers said they saw a gun in Lorta's hand and opened fire, striking him several times.

Case BA433624 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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